

IMPORTANT: NDSEB SYSTEM TRANSITION

January/February 2027

The Board is replacing its online licensing, registration and wiring certificate system. Please note the following dates:

Friday, January 29, 2027

5:00 PM CST

The current system will be shut down. No renewals, wiring certificates or conveyance permits can be filed online after this time.

Wednesday, February 3, 2027

The new NDSEB online system (powered by iMS) goes live. Beginning on this date you can once again file wiring certificates and conveyance permits, and renewals will reopen.

Renewals are being postponed.

If your license (electrical, PLE or conveyance) or apprentice registration is due for renewal during this transition, please wait and renew in the new system after February 3, 2027.

Current licenses and registrations will remain valid during this period and no late fees will be assessed.

Everyone will need a new login.

Beginning February 3, 2027, all licensees and registrants will create a personal sign-in profile in the new system, and contractors will also create a business profile.

Step-by-step instructions will be sent before go-live.

Please make sure the Board has a current email address for you now, as that is how you will receive instructions and verify your account.

Questions? Contact NDSEB at (701) 328-9522.

A Message From the Executive Director:



Hello, everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well!

As reported in past newsletters the purchase and testing of our new program solution to replace our

existing "Reporting System", which tracks electrical and conveyance licensees, inspections, wiring certificates and conveyance permits is going very well. The solution was developed by Intuitive Municipal Solutions (iMS) and is the same solution Minnesota uses. There will be lots of changes happening in our office with more updates to come through our newsletters and postings on our website. We are looking to "Go Live" with the iMS system Wednesday, February 3, 2027.

With the implementation of this new iMS system, our current system will go down Friday, January 29, 2027, at the end of the business day. The iMS system will be up and running Wednesday, February 3, 2027. See the notice on the front page of this newsletter edition.

The new iMS system will take credit cards or any other type of online payment. Mail in or call in payments will

no longer be accepted. Payments will have to be all on-line through an iMS account you create. There will be more instructions on our website as we progress.

We continue working on collecting information to conduct elevator (conveyance) inspections and the licensing of elevator mechanics/companies. Early next year, we will be hiring conveyance inspectors. Conveyance inspections and licensing began August 1, 2026. We are working with elevator contractors to locate existing elevator/conveyance equipment in ND. We are told there is estimated to be nearly 6,000 units across the state as we move forward with this statutory requirement for our office.

The education committee has been working on reviewing and auditing the apprenticeship providers' programs. I've been receiving requests for apprentices' exemptions of the NDSEB education requirement. I would like to know what you think about whether it's a good thing, so send me an email with your thoughts. The situations arise when an apprentice doesn't follow through with formal education and then want an

exemption when it comes time to write their journeyman exam. Please make sure your electrical apprentices are enrolled in a board approved related training program or have a board approved college 2-year degree. The approved programs are listed on the NDSEB website.

We adopted the 2026 NEC July 1, 2026, and will soon be changing our exams to reflect the 2026 NEC.

Again, if you have questions about any of these new happenings with our office, give me a call or send an email.

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I hope you are looking forward to a great fall season! ☺

I wish you enough,
James Schmidt

ND-EIS

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A key part of EIS is its growing network of state and local chapters. While EIS maintains a strong focus on the electrical inspection community, its chapters provide an opportunity for broader participation – bringing inspectors together with contractors, electricians, engineers, manufacturers, educators, and others throughout the electrical industry. This collaboration helps build stronger relationships, encourages the exchange of knowledge and perspectives, and creates a forum for discussing electrical safety and code issues affecting everyone in the industry.

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**INSPECTOR'S CORNER
DISTRICT 12, CHRIS EKEN**

As electrical inspectors across North Dakota, we spend our days seeing firsthand the dedication, skill, and craftsmanship you bring to the trade. Every day, you help power the homes, businesses, and communities that keep our state moving forward.

We want to take a moment to thank you for the quality work you provide for the people and businesses of North Dakota. Your commitment to safety and excellence makes our job easier and ensures that our state remains a safe place to live and work. We share the same goal: safe, compliant, and reliable electrical installations. To help keep your projects running smoothly, efficiently, and on schedule, please keep the following bullets in mind:

- **Call for rough-in inspections**

For all electrical installations for new, additions, remodels, etc. and remember to call for your rough-in inspections before insulation, drywall, or finishes that cover up the wiring. Catching things at this stage saves everyone time and prevents costly

teardowns.

- **Submit certificates as completed**

Make sure to submit your certificates promptly within 15 days when a job is completed. This notifies us that the work is ready, allowing us to schedule and complete the final inspection without unnecessary delays for your clients.

- **Reach out with questions**

Never hesitate to call your local inspector with any questions or concerns before we arrive on-site. It is always easier—and much less stressful—to talk through code interpretations and installation details beforehand than to face a correction notice later.

- **Provide interior photos of utility equipment**

For enclosures like CT cabinets, please provide clear interior photos when possible. These cabinets are generally locked or sealed when we arrive for an inspection, having these photos readily available would help us tremendously.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, professionalism, and partnership.

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ELEVATOR INSPECTOR INFORMATION

The North Dakota State Electrical Board (NDSEB) has made significant progress in establishing the state's first-ever elevator and conveyance inspection department. Following legislative action via SB 2336 to address North Dakota's status as one of the final few states without mandatory conveyance oversight. The program covers all conveyance devices—including elevators, escalators, and dumbwaiters. To assist our industry partners and owners through this transition, printable and fillable forms are now fully available under the new Conveyance tab on the North Dakota State Electrical Board website. Some of the requirements include owner registration for their Annual Certificate of Operation. Conveyance permits for contractors, which is required for all new installation conveyances, all alterations, replacing, dismantling, demolishing or removing from service. New licensing and registration requirements for contractors, mechanics and apprentices, which are now required to register and apply for their license through the North Dakota State Electrical Board. For more information on all the new requirements, please go to the NDSEB website www.ndseb.com and look for the 2026 Laws, Rules, Wiring and Conveyance Standards of North Dakota.